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One of Best Educations, UAE Education

In many countries, people care about education as first issue that can change their future for the better. The UAE invests heavily in the education on its citizens, hoping and believing that education is the key for the best future. Moreover, the UAE’s attitude toward bettering education is well demonstrated in the reform policy. It’s foundation of new technology. The education in UAE has developed new strategies to help its citizens to be educated for education. In the words of the founding president of the UAE, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, “Education is like a lantern which lights your way in a dark alley” (“the Mandate” par.1). This means that education is very important for UAE citizens and it will determine their future. There are four elements of the reform policy that improved education in the UAE: the separation of public and private schools, introduction of training program, focus on technology and availability of free post- secondary education.

UAE education was reformed in 1952 by Sheik Zayed and there was separation between public and private. Responsible for the two kinds of schools is the Mainstay of education, which is Nahyan. He is the one who came up with this kind of separate schools that are different on system. A study was done by Dr. Keith Bradshaw, Dr. Lilly Tennant and Dr. Steve Lydiatt that “The United Arab Emirates Ministry for Education and Youth is responsible for both the public and private education systems” (50). The public school has 12 grades, from 1 grade to 4 is primary school for the age from 7 to 10, from 5 grades to 8 is secondary school for the age 11 to 14, and final stages from grade 9 to 12 for the age 15 to 18. This how public schools teach students. It has seven subjects that students take which are Arabic, English, Science, Chemistry, Math, Religion and Biology. Moreover, it is also provide activities such as study skills which teachers teach students how to make their study easy, give students outline for a specific subject and this make also their study easy. Also, communication skills are another activity which teaches students how to communicate with teachers. In the contrary, private schools are different from public schools. In private school, students have 10 grades which are primary from 1 to 4 grades, secondary from 5 to 8 and final grades from 9 to 10. And also, they have 9 subjects which are Computer, English, Arabic, French, Biology, Chemistry, Science, Physics and Math. Private schools play a different role because they cater to gifted only hard working. Also, private schools concentrate on only teaching students and nothing else. On these two kinds of school the main language is Arabic and then English as a second language. According to Hessa Abdullah, the students should be educated on regional area which is Arabic as first language, and then English as second language (Melly 29).

Also, the Ministry of education has came up with strategies that it uses them as benefit for students and teachers which is UAE training program for teacher educators which train teachers how to understand the students by giving students a survey to evaluate teachers skills. This program has developed the connection between students and teachers which result a good reflect for education to develop. A study was done by Hedi Guefrachi and Salah Troudi “The program was designed to improve both the quality of English language instruction in the country and higher education”. (Pa.1). this means the program helped students to improve their education. This training program have improved the UAE education for the better.

And also, UAE education provides technology such as student’s website which is a website for the ministry of education. It provides activities for students to improve themselves such as competition which is giving hard questions from different subjects for students and who get them correctly will have awards as a simple gift. And also, it provides a page on the website for students to post their comments about the education, what does it miss and what other strategies that can help them to improve themselves. And the final strategy is computer training which help students to know how to run the computers such as Photoshop, excel and more of these kinds of things.

In UAE education, the availability of free post- secondary education is provided in public school and universities, which mean nobody has to pay tuition for attending classes. Also, free study abroad anywhere in the world which means it covers the plane tickets, the apartment furniture for the apartment and the tuitions for the university. Besides that, this system gives students who study abroad salary and even inside the country. Moreover, this system also covers the health insurance for the students who study abroad which means they can do anything with health insurance card, any surgery they want in any hospitals. Furthermore, the special of this system that gives money as awards beside of the salary that students have as a gift from the Shiek Zyed. Furthermore, when the students are going to finish their study, the people who work on this system will provide work, so no need to search for work.” The number of nationals studying abroad and supported by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research for the year 2003 was 1322” (Zayed 224). Which mean that this system made students educated that have a wealth of knowledge.

The four reform policies that I mentioned are the best for UAE education that improved it so fast and change it to become better. Also, The Ministry of education has an eye on the education and the prove is that he is going to provide soon strategy that called “education 2020”.UAE education continued its period of change as nation that takes education seriously. It could lead this big change in the education of UAE to improve students on their studies. Also, it could improve teacher’s skill and knowledge on teaching. In someone’s opinion, the education in UAE found its way to adapt new style of education that differs in systems and the kind of strategies from any other education in other countries. Keep developing the education in UAE can lead to become the best education in the world which that what Sheikh Zayed wanted.

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